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## ALABAMA STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR INTERIOR DESIGN

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### REGISTRATION AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERIOR DESIGNERS

#### Qualifications for Registration

- Provide an original record to the Board of passing a minimum of 48 semester or 60 quarter hours of interior design education from a FIDER accredited Interior Design program or its equivalent as approved by the Board.
- The Board shall review and approve an applicant's practical full-time interior design experience under the guidance of a person holding a valid Certificate of Registration, or any individual approved by the Board. Full-time employment is defined as not fewer than 35 hours per week. Employment shall be under the supervision of a full-time interior design practitioner who is either NCIDQ certified, a licensed architect, or an interior designer recognized by a state regulatory agency. An applicant's full-time experience shall be for not less than two years combined with a four or five year Board approved education. Applicants with a three-year Board approved education shall incur a minimum of three years of full-time experience and those with a two-year Board approved education shall incur a minimum of four years of full-time experience.
- A total minimum of six years combined educational and full time interior design experience.
- Pass the NCIDQ Examination and provide original documentation to the Board.
- Shall be of good moral character.
- Complete education and practical experience combined to total a minimum of six years.
- Submit an application with a non-refundable \$25.00 application and non-refundable \$100.00 registration fee to the Alabama State Board of Registration for Interior Design.

#### NCIDQ Examination Eligibility Requirements

The examination eligibility requirements include interior design education and full-time interior design experience.

- 4/5 years of interior design education + 2 years of full-time interior design experience
- OR**
- 3 years of interior design education + 3 years full-time interior design experience
- OR**
- 2 years of interior design education + 4 years of full-time interior design experience

#### NCIDQ Examination Educational Requirements

5 years: At least 150 semester credits (of which 90 or more are interior design related), or 225-quarter credits (of which 135 or more are interior design related).

**OR**

4 years: At least 120 semester credits (of which 60 or more are interior design related), or 180-quarter credits (of which 90 or more are interior design related).

**OR**

3 years: At least 60 semester credits or 90-quarter credits of interior design related coursework.

**OR**

2 years: At least 40 semester credits or 60-quarter credits of interior design related coursework.

Education is evaluated by reviewing college or university transcripts(s) and, when necessary, copies of course descriptions from the college or university catalog in force at the beginning of coursework.

## **NCIDQ Examination Experience Requirements**

In reviewing applications, full-time employment is defined as not fewer than 35 hours per week. It is recommended that employment be under the supervision of a full-time interior design practitioner who is either NCIDQ certified, a licensed architect, or an interior designer recognized by a state regulatory agency.

## **NCIDQ Examination Format**

The three-part examination format consists of two multiple-choice sections and one practicum section. Section I addresses Principles and Practices of Interior Design in a multiple-choice format. Section II addresses Contract Development and Administration in a multiple-choice format. Section III addresses Schematic and Design Development and is the practicum section.

NCIDQ has a transition plan to provide candidates who are in the process of completing the former six-part examination the opportunity to transition into the three-part examination. Please contact NCIDQ for more information.

## **NCIDQ Examination Fee Information**

The application fee is \$100.00 (2001) and \$125.00 (2002-2003). Late registration fees and examination cancellation fees may also apply. Please contact NCIDQ for more information.

2002: Section 1 - \$205.00	2003: Section1 - \$215.00
Section 2 - \$160.00	Section 2 - \$175.00
Section 3 - \$340.00	Section 3 - \$350.00
All sections - \$625.00	All sections - \$650.00

Practice design problems are available for \$49.95 (2001) and \$54.95 (2002-2003). A critiqued solution is included with each problem.

## **NCIDQ Examination Schedule Information**

2002: Fall: October 4-5  
2003: Spring: April 4-5  
Fall: October 3-4

## **Suggested Study Guides**

NCIDQ Examination Study Guide (2000) by NCIDQ, ISBN# 1-930747-00-4. \$84.95 (2002-2003) – available to order through NCIDQ office.

For more information or to apply for the examination, please contact NCIDQ.

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